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Subject: Yucca Mountain site

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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I ask the Secretary of Energy why thousands of public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement have not been addressed? I would also ask why such a short time (15 days) was allowed for the public hearings in the area, and for public comments in general (30 days)?

Without a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a detailed transportation scenario or a licensing rule, the DOE lacks the basis for consideration of site suitability. None of us can have confidence in any recommendation that arises from such a flawed process.

Yucca Mountain is on disputed territory, land claimed by the Shoshone Nation under the Ruby Valley Treaty of 1863. That claim has not been challenged legally to our knowledge.

An aquifer beneath the site is the only source of drinking water for the closest community. Seismic activity in the area makes it likely that radioactivity from the proposed repository would eventually contaminate the groundwater and surrounding environment.

Finally, 70,000 metric tons of high-level radioactive waste from commercial nuclear reactors and DOE weapons sites across the country would be shipped to the proposed dump, launching an unprecedented nuclear transportation scheme. That scheme would bring highly radioactive waste within a half mile of many homes and workplaces in our area in Northeast Georgia.

We urge you to abandon the Yucca Mountain project.

Sincerely,

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